

REMARKS***Amendments to the Specification***

The specification has been amended as appropriate to properly identify the use of AFFYMETRIX and GENBANK as trademarks. Applicant respectfully submits that when the term AFFYMETRIX is used as part of a company name, the term should not be identified as a trademark. Further, Applicant submits that, in the context of the specification, the trademarks AFFYMETRIX and GENBANK are not used as generic terms and do not need to be accompanied by any generic names. With respect to the use of AFFYMETRIX, the specification clearly indicates that AFFYMETRIX denotes a particular brand of microarrays or scanners. With respect to GENBANK, the specification clearly indicates that it refers to a particular type of gene accession numbers. In view of the arguments presented herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the specification overcome the Examiner's objection to the specification.

Amendments to the Claims

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 76-83. Claims 1 and 76-83 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute this subject matter in a continuing patent application.

After entry of this amendment, only claims 84-92 will be pending in this application. Claims 84-92 have been allowed. Accordingly, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. WIBL-P01-549.

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